

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please amend claims 1-3 and 6-10, without prejudice or disclaimer, as indicated in the following Listing of Claims.

**Listing of Claims**

**Claim 1 (Currently amended):** A contact structure for a sliding switch, comprising:  
first and second conductive stationary contacts of a first potential disposed on a base;  
a third conductive stationary contact of a second potential different from said first potential disposed on said base, said third stationary contact including first and second conductive regions; and  
a conductive movable contact for electrically contacting at least one of said stationary contacts, said movable contact being movable along a path between a non-contact position and a make contact position with respect to said at least one of said stationary contacts,  
said at least one of said stationary contacts ~~and said movable contact~~ having a protruding portion configured to provide an electrical interface for discharge of arcing as said movable contact ~~breaks from said stationary contact~~ moves between said make contact position and said non-contact position.

**Claim 2 (Currently amended):** A contact structure for a sliding switch as recited in claim 1, wherein said at least one of said stationary contacts is a flat pad.